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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

August 21, 2003

Ms Marlene H Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re CC Docket No. 96-45  
Section 254(e) Self-Certification of  
Yorkville Telephone Cooperative

Dear Ms Dortch

Attached hereto is a sworn affidavit of Kerry Watson, certifying that Yorkville Telephone Cooperative (the "Company") is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254 (e) and the requirements established by the Commission in *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos 96-45 and 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001) ("Order") and codified at 47 C F R §54.314. Because the Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a State, the Company makes this certification directly to the FCC as provided for in paragraph 189 of the Order and 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b).

A copy of this Certification is also being filed this day with the Universal Service Administrative Company at its Washington, D.C , offices

Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate "stamp and return" document attached for this purpose and return it to the Company in the enclosed self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. All correspondence and inquiries concerning this filing should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*Kerry Watson*  
Kerry Watson,  
General Manager

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cc Ms Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Kerry Watson, General Manager of Yorkville Telephone Cooperative (the "Company")  
do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that

- 1 I am the General Manager of the Company,
- 2 The Company is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state,
- 3 The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U S C §153(37),
- 4 The Company is eligible for disbursements from the federal Universal Service Fund  
("USF") as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), and
- 5 The Company will utilize its USF disbursements received in 2004 only for the provision,  
maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which it is intended

Signature

Kerry Watson

Date

8-20-03

Print Name

Kerry Watson

Title

Manager

State of

Tennessee

County of

Gibson

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Tennessee

on this day personally appeared Kerry Watson, known to me to be the  
Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of August, 2003

My Commission expires

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Mary Alice Hooper  
Notary Public